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SUBJECT: COVERAGE FOR OAU/KAMPALA CONFERENCE

1. DEPARTMENT HAS GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO PROS AND CONS OF EMBASSY ADDIS PROVIDING ON-THE-SPOT COVERAGE FOR THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND SUMMIT CONFERENCE LATE JULY TO EARLY AUGUST. AMONG POINTS OF CONCERN ARE STATUS US RELATIONS WITH UGANDA AND ABSENCE OF ANY AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENT IN THAT COUNTRY. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT FOR THE US TO REMAIN IN AS CLOSE CONTACT AS POSSIBLE WITH OAU AT ALL TIMES. COVERAGE OF THESE MEETINGS, AS IN THE PAST, BY AN OFFICER SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED TO FOLLOW OAU AFFAIRS IS MOST IMPORTANT.

2. IT NOW APPEARS THERE SHOULD BE NO ADVERSE REACTION FROM UGANDA GOVERNMENT TO PRESENCE IN KAMPALA OF AN AMERICAN ON DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. ASSURANCES EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM OAU OFFICIALS THAT THEY WILL HELP TO LOOK AFTER ACCREDITATION AND WELFARE OF ANY OFFICIAL AMERICAN ALSO HELPS OVERCOME OUR CONCERNS ABOUT SAFETY.

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3. IN SUM, BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE PLANS FOR FSO

ROGERS TO ATTEND KAMPALA MEETINGS. TRAVEL/PER DIEM SHOULD
BE CHARGED TO POST ALLOTMENT. KISSINGER

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